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1. [] MET MORNING 11 AUGUST AND ADVISED TWO OF THREE SUCCESSFUL INTERROGATIONS REPRODUCED AND TRANSMITTED STATION CONTAINING BOTH KGB LEGENDS AND FULL CONFESSIONS. THIRD CASE FILE YET TO BE FOUND (SMOTH OFFICER [] CONTACTED INDEPENDENTLY AND CONFESSED THIRD FILE HAD BEEN BURNED IN FILE PURGE SEVERAL YEARS AGO THUS IRRETRIEVABLE).

2. RE INTERVIEWING RABANE [] STRESSED HE SPOKE VERY POOR ENGLISH, EXCELLENT GERMAN AND RUSSIAN DURING EARLY 50'S PROBABLY HAS RETAINED LITTLE IF ANY ENGLISH.

3. RE CHECK WITH ESTONIAN LEGATION STATION ADVISES AGAINST ANY INVOLVEMENT IN PURE. [] CONCURS AND SUGGESTS ONE OR TWO APPROACHES: EITHER RABANE COULD PERFORM CHECK AFTER ARRIVAL IN LONDON AS HE RETAINS STRONG POLITICAL AFFILIATION AUGUST TORMA WHO WAS FIGUREHEAD FOR ESTONIAN RESISTANCE OPS RUN BY SMOTH. [] STATED TORMA ABSOLUTELY CLEAN AND THAT

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RABANE COULD HANDLE LEGATION CHECK WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. 14TH '66
CHECK REQUIRED BEFORE RABANE INTERVIEW

[] OFFICE COULD CONTACT TORMA PERSONALLY AND ADVISE
THAT AMERICAN FRIEND COMING AROUND. [] WOULD THEN MAKE
APPROACH AFTER NORMAL LEGATION HOURS AND PERSONALLY DISCUSS WITH
TORMA MOST PROBABLY USING OPERATIONAL ALIAS. [] HAS
EXPLAINED TORMA WELL AWARE SMOTH ESTONIAN OPS, ALL OF WHICH
WENT WITH HIS BLESSING, AND ALTHOUGH RELUCTANT AT FIRST BELIEVE
KGB CONTROLLED, WHEN PRESENTED THE FACTS (PARTLY BY RABANE)
COOPERATED 100 PER CENT. [] REMARKED THAT IN BORIS
NELK CASE SOVIETS UTILIZED PRE-WORLD WAR TWO ESTONIAN DIPLOMATIC
CODE TO TORMA IN ORDER ESTABLISH BONA FIDES.

4. RE TRACES REQUIRED DIRECTOR 25491 ON PARENTS/WIFE
HEINE SMOTH GAVE NEGATIVE REPLY. DID STATE THAT ARTUR HAMAN
MENTIONED PARA 3 DIRECTOR 25491 CONSIDERED HIGHLY SUSPECT AND
SUBJECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH WOFAC INCLUDING OELA-41519 OF 4 SEPT 64.

5. PLEASE ADVISE RE APPROACH ESTONIAN LEGATION. SMOTH INTERRO-
GATIONS BELIEVED LENGTHY. DOES HQS DESIRE POUCH OR CABLE?

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